

SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA

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PEOPLE v. GAMACHE (RICHARD CAMERON)

S052808 (San Bernardino County Superior Court – FBA 4939)
Argued in San Francisco 1-07-10

This matter is an automatic appeal from a judgment of death.

STEINER v. THEXTON (SIDDIQUI FAMILY PARTNERSHIP)

S164928 (C054605; Sacramento County Superior Court – 04AS04230)
Argued in San Francisco 1-27-10

This case presents the following issues: (1) When a contract contemplates the sale of real property but provides that the buyer may revoke the contract at any time and for any reason before its efforts to obtain county approvals and permits are completed, is the agreement an option agreement that is unenforceable (and may thus be revoked by the seller) because there is no consideration for the option, or does the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing sufficiently eliminate the buyer's discretion to revoke so that the agreement is, in fact, a purchase agreement that may be enforced against the seller? (2) Did the trial court and the Court of Appeal err in declining to apply the doctrine of promissory estoppel where the buyer purportedly changed its position to its detriment in reliance on the seller's promise to sell, or would it be inequitable to find an implied promise by the seller not to revoke the agreement?

Opinion(s) in the above case(s) will be filed on:

Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
